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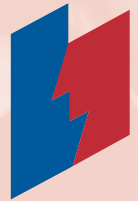
From Flaming Gorge to Navajo
Mountain

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EMPLOYER *Update*



Castleview Hospital

Large Employer in Price

One of the largest employers in Price is the Castleview Hospital. The hospital, now owned by Life Point Hospitals, Inc., has grown steadily over the years and now employs over 280 people. A \$5 million expansion was recently completed that included new outpatient facilities and operating rooms. The hospital also operates a satellite clinic in Emery County.

Darel Jardine, Director of Human Resources for Castleview Hospital, said that last year the hospital hired about 60 new employees. Between the new growth and turnover, which he estimates at 17% per year, his office stays fairly busy.

Darel and Kim Montoya, Human Resources Assistant, have found the Price Office of the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) to be very helpful in filling positions. Kim said, "The local DWS office knows the requirements that we have for specific jobs. They do an excellent job of honing in on the skills that the job requires, and

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then identifying those applicants who have those skills. By using their services, we save time in the selection and hiring process."

"I have enjoyed working with the hospital," said Nicole Steele, DWS employment counselor. "Kim frequently emails me the list of job openings at the hospital. Then we recruit for the positions, select applicants that have the requisite skills, and follow up by forwarding a list of applicants to the hospital."

Nicole added, "The hospital is an important part of our local economy, they provide good jobs, and they have been a good partner in sponsoring community activities."



Darel Jardine, left, and Kim Montoya, center, review list of hospital jobs with DWS representative Nicole Steele.

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From the Director

Dear Valued Business Customer:

I want to thank you for entrusting the Department of Workforce Services, "Utah's Job Connection" with the opportunity to serve you this year. It is our sincerest hope that our services exceeded your expectations and that we may continue to serve you for many years to come.

As you realize, our economy has slowed significantly. This means that many organizations have been forced to halt expansion or even reduce their workforces. During this difficult time, we want to assure you that we remain ready to assist you. More than ever, we have the largest database of qualified job seekers from all levels of skills and experience, some of whom have only recently been affected by the economic slowdown.

What's more, the Department of Workforce Services continues to offer you other services to meet your business needs, including:

- Labor market information
- Seminars on important business topics
- Layoff consultation

And, that's just the beginning of our value-added, no cost services.

To receive these services or to learn more, please call **1-888-920-WORK (9675)** or your nearest Department of Workforce Services' Employment Center. You can even find us on the Web at jobs.utah.gov.

Thank you again for your business. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Gross
Executive Director

Want to have the most current labor market information available at your fingertips FREE? Just log on to our Economic Information web site at jobs.utah.gov

Only from DWS

County-Level Labor Market Information

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The Department of Workforce Services (DWS) is Utah's source for detailed COUNTY-LEVEL labor market information (LMI) - and it's free! This is because our four regional economists work hard all year long to get economic data about your county, then analyze and interpret it for you to use in tough business decisions.

Our Economic Data Collection and Analysis unit publishes LMI both in print and on our web page. However, the selection is bigger on the web and is also guaranteed to be the most recent data we have, often eclipsing printed materials. It's easy to access your county's LMI web page. Access our website at jobs.utah.gov, then go to "**State, County and Local Information**" and select your county from the list. Each county web page has a "**Just Released**" section at the top where you can find monthly county unemployment rates (unadjusted and seasonally adjusted), current economic events, and quarterly data on construction permitting, gross taxable sales, and labor market indicators (a "snapshot" of the labor force).

Each county web page also has a county **Fact Sheet** (updated annually), a list of the major employers, occupational wage information, occupational outlook information, poverty and income information and more.

Click on "**Regional Economist**" to find out who the DWS economist is for your county and how to contact him/her. Check out the links to other organizations' websites for more great information, including: data on tourism and economic development; tax and income statistics; agriculture, income and poverty information; Women / Minority Business Directory; population and projections data; and *FirmFind* (a searchable list of Utah employers).

It's a gold mine of county-level economic information for businesses and it's all free, from the economists at the Department of Workforce Services.

2002 Business Game Plan Program

Transportation Strategies for Businesses

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC), Utah Transit Authority (UTA), and local government agencies have joined efforts to bring you the 2002 Business Game Plan program. This program was created to help companies plan for transportation impacts during the Games, especially in high-volume traffic areas such as downtown Salt Lake City and Park City. The following transportation strategies will help businesses write their own Game Plan for the Games.

- **Alternate work schedules.** Implement a modified work schedule for a majority of employees to avoid travel during peak arrival and departure times at Salt Lake 2002 Olympic venues. Keep only a minimal crew on site the rest of the time. Check the event schedule in your area to determine alternate work schedules. For instance, downtown businesses should consider an early schedule (for example, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.), while Park City businesses would be better adopting a later schedule (for example, noon to 8 p.m.).

- **Telecommuting.** Allow employees to telecommute from home during all or part of the Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games. The Games will span 11 weekdays.

- **Carpooling.** Identify employee carpool partners and offer incentives for those who carpool during the Games.

- **Use public transit.** Use the UTA fixed-route bus system or the enhanced Games-time TRAX light rail system. **Call 888 RIDE-UTA (800-743-3882) or visit www.rideuta.com to learn more.** In addition, Park City Transit will triple its bus fleet during the Games, providing expanded routes, improved frequency and extended hours of operation.

- **Visit Utahcommuterlink.com continually.** Beginning in late November, this site will be the primary resource for transportation information during the Games. You can view current traffic conditions from posted images gathered from 150 cameras in the Salt Lake County area.

- **Use the free Olympic Transportation Guide** available in late November at Smith's Food and Drug stores. This guide offers 34 pages of transportation information, including how to get to the Games and how to bypass Games-time traffic congestion.

- **Send an e-mail to bizgameplan@ppch.com.** For more details about transportation during the Games, send your request to **bizgameplan@ppch.com**. Include your business name, number of employees, contact name, and phone number.

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KUDOS

"I recently visited the Logan DWS office and was quite impressed with the quality of service that I witnessed clients receiving. I witnessed clients being treated with "the courtesy, dignity, and respect" as described in the rights of the clients. As I know you probably hear complaints about customer service, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you experiences of customer service like the kind both clients and advocates expect. Please relate these experiences to whomever is appropriate."

Mandi Janis
Anti-Hunger Advocate
Crossroads Urban Center

To Carmen Bowles:

"Dear Carmen, thank you so much for leading me to water. It's been a year since I've had a job. I've asked everyone I can think of for assistance, but you are the only one who has taken the time needed to help me out!"

Kim
Job seeking customer from
the Horizonte Center

To Tom Woodland:

"Tom, thank you for all the wonderful employees you have sent us. You do a great job, keep up the good work!"

Karen Sennyck
HMS Host

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Eastern Region

Unemployment Rates Increase in US, Utah and Eastern Region

October unemployment rates in Eastern Region appear to mirror the trends in Utah and the nation. All three segments have been climbing up this fall, and were negatively impacted by the events of Sept. 11.

Some positive economic news is emerging in Carbon and Emery Counties. Construction has begun on the new WalMart Supercenter in Price, and Consolidated Mines is working to reopen the CONSOL mine in Emery County, possibly as early as

January or February.

The economy in the Uintah Basin has been affected by lower crude oil prices, as oil exploration and produc-

tion has dropped off. Daggett County, with a seasonal economy based on recreation and the Flaming Gorge reservoir, also experienced an increase in unemployment.

County	Oct. 2000	Oct. 2001
Daggett	3.1	4.8
Duchesne	5.7	6.4
Uintah	4.7	4.4
Carbon	5.8	5.1
Emery	7.3	8.1
Grand	6.4	6.7
San Juan	9.6	9.4
Utah	3.2	4.2
United States	3.9	5.4

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